

# Australia, the Land Down Under



The Emu  
pronounced 'ee-myou'



An emu egg  
can be almost  
9 in. long



The Emu is the second largest bird in the world by height. Emus can sprint at 32 mph for some distance, and their long legs allow them to take strides of up to 9 feet. Emus swallow stones, glass shards and bits of metal to grind food in their stomachs. When they drink they take in large amounts of water. Though they can't fly, they can swim! Emus can live between 10 and 20 years in the wild.